GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Establishment – Forest Department – A.P. Forest Subordinate Service – Sri B. Chandra Sekhar Rao, Deputy Range Officer, Veeragattam Section of Palakonda Range, Srikakulam Division – Notional promotion to the category of Deputy Range Officer with retrospective effect with effect from 01.12.2011 by including his name in the panel year 2011-12 on par with his immediate junior, in relaxation of rules – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.V) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 17 Dated: 14-02-2018

Read the following:-

1) From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Andhra Pradesh, Letter Ref.No.14012/2016/HR-2, dated 02.05.2017.
2) Memo.No.1939/Sec.V/2017-1, Environment, Forests, Science & Technology (Sec.V) Department, dated 23.05.2017.
3) From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Andhra Pradesh, Letter Ref.No.14012/2016/HR-2, dated 02.08.2017.
4) Memo.No.1939/Sec.V/2017-2, Environment, Forests, Science & Technology (Sec.V) Department, dated 14.09.2017.
5) From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Andhra Pradesh, Letter Ref.No.14012/2016/HR-2, dated 25.01.2018.

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ORDER:

In the reference first read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Andhra Pradesh has informed that during the panel year 2011-12 for filling of 10 vacancies (8 vacancies for 2010-11 panel and 2 vacancies arose during the year 2011-12) of Deputy Range Officers of Visakhapatnam Circle, a penal consisting of 43 names of Forest Section Officers was prepared and 8 were considered and promoted taking into consideration their eligibility. Subsequently, (4) Forest Section Officers were also promoted to the category of Deputy Range Officers on the strength of eligibility and as per the directions of the Hon'ble Andhra Pradesh Administrative Tribunal. The Departmental Promotion Committee has not recommended the case of Sri B. Chandra Sekhara Rao, Forest Section Officer for promotion as Deputy Range Officer, as departmental proceedings are pending against him and his juniors were promoted. The said departmental proceedings are culminated with dropping of further action by the Government. Therefore, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Andhra Pradesh has submitted proposal for inclusion of the name of Sri B. Chandra Sekhara Rao, Deputy Range Officer in the panel year 2011-12 and to assign notional date of promotion from 01.12.2011, i.e., the date on which his immediate junior in the category of Forest Section Officer Sri L.B.K. Patrudu was promoted as Deputy Range Officer.

2. After careful examination of the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Andhra Pradesh, Government, in exercise of the powers conferred under rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh State and Subordinate Service Rules, 1996, have provisionally decided to revise the panel of Forest Section Officers fit for promotion to the category of Deputy Range Officers for the panel year 2011-12 of Visakhapatnam Circle, to consider the cases of Sri B. Chandra Sekhara Rao and in the reference fourth read above, permission was accorded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Andhra Pradesh to convene the Review DPC and obtain its recommendations, to issue show cause notices to the persons likely to be affected for making representation against the proposed revision and submit a detailed report along with his remarks on the representations received, if any, for taking further action.

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3. In the reference fifth read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Andhra Pradesh has stated that show cause notices have been issued to (13) Deputy Range Officers who are likely to be affected for making representation if any against the proposed inclusion of the name of Sri B. Chandra Sekhara Rao in the panel year 2011-12 with effect from 01.12.2011 on par with his immediate junior Sri L.B.K. Patrudu and their acknowledgments obtained. Except Sri P.V. Sastry, Deputy Range Officer none of the others have filed their objections.

4. Sri P.V. Sastry, Deputy Range Officer has filed his objection against the proposed revision on the ground that he is senior to Sri B. Chandra Sekhara Rao in the category of Forest Section Officer. On the objection raised by the Sri P.V. Sastry, Deputy Range Officer, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Andhra Pradesh has stated that Sri P.V. Sastry is undergoing punishment during the panel year 2011-12 and the punishment was in force upto 28.06.2012. Hence, he is not promoted. However, the individual was promoted during the panel year 2014-15 on completion of the currency of penalty, based on his eligibility and seniority and availability of vacancy. Hence, he is not eligible for claim of retrospective promotion and seniority.

5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Andhra Pradesh has requested to confirm the provisional decision to promote Sri B. Chandra Sekhara Rao, Forest Section Officer to the category of Deputy Range Officer with retrospective effect from 01.12.2011 by including his name in the panel year 2011-12 on par with his immediate junior Sri L.B.K. Patrudu and issue suitable orders.

6. After careful examination, Government have decided to include the name of Sri B. Chandra Sekhara Rao in the panel of Forest Section Officers fit for promotion to the category of Deputy Range Officers for the panel year 2011-12 of Visakhapatnam Circle and to assign him the notional date of promotion in the category of Deputy Range Officer with retrospective effect from 01.12.2011 i.e., the date on which his immediate junior Sri L.B.K. Patrudu was promoted, in relaxation of rule 33 (a) of the A.P. State and Subordinate Service Rules, 1996, by rejecting the objection filed by Sri P.V. Sastry, Deputy Range Officer. Accordingly, Government hereby direct that Sri B. Chandra Sekhara Rao be promoted as Deputy Range Officer notionally with retrospective effect from 01.12.2011 of Visakhapatnam Circle by including his name in the panel year 2011-12, in relaxation of Rule 33 (a) of the A.P. State & Subordinate Service Rules, 1996. The objection filed by Sri P.V. Sastry, Deputy Range Officer is hereby rejected for the reasons mentioned at para-4 above.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Andhra Pradesh shall take necessary further action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G.ANANTHA RAMU
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
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